



*Laissez Les Beta Temps Rouler!
(Let the Beta Times Roll)*

2015 Louisiana Junior Beta Summer/Fall Newsletter

FACTS:

- Our State Convention will now be held in February. This year's Convention will be held February, 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2016 in Lafayette, La at the Cajun Dome and Convention Center.
- Book Battle- new competition! District Elimination.
- Concession stands will be open the Wednesday night of Convention and Thursday morning from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM
- It is suggested that all Clubs order lunch for Thursday from the online service of the Dome.
- Follow the ADDENDUM pages in the Louisiana State Handbook in order to comply with specific Louisiana policies.
- All District Days will be held before the first Saturday in December, 2015.
- We will now take the 1st and 2nd place winners at district to compete on the state level for Songfest, Group Talent and Special Talent. This is one reason for a new (3) day State Convention.
- Your district letter will be mailed to you by the district Sponsor no later than September 5, 2015! Please look for it in order to know how to access your District Handbook. It appears that in the past the School Secretary thinks it is junk mail. Begin looking for it to come to the Junior Beta Sponsor of your school
CERTIFIED.

State Convention Information

Every club in the state of LA is eligible to attend and compete at the State Convention! However, we do have many elimination competitions at the District Competition. The Louisiana Handbook is online at the national website – any questions please email trudybates@yahoo.com

The January 12, 2015 deadline to compete at the State Convention will be enforced. Any Club that registers past the DEADLINE will not be seated in the regular seating. Those Clubs, which will be registering to attend only and any Club registering to attend only onsite, will be seated behind the stage in the OVERFLOW section. Seating is now assigned by the State Sponsor elect but ran through TICKETMASTER. Your seat assignment will now be given to you at the INFORMATION TABLE located in the Arena in front of section 118 at the State Convention.



READ!

ABSOLUTELY no outside food or drink will be allowed in the dome or on the dome property, including parking lots. The Dome, within their rights, will confiscate any food or drink! We cannot make this any clearer and sponsors will be held accountable by the Dome!



State Sponsor Greeting

Our State Convention is changing but I know it will be awesome because of each and every one of you! As so many of you know I am entering my third term as Louisiana Junior Beta State Sponsor. I am both honored and humbled to represent the children of our state and to serve as the liaisons between every sponsor and the National office. Please don't hesitate to email me with any question or suggestion you may have at trudybates@yahoo.com

The new convention format may prove to be challenging but it is with great confidence that I report the change. There will be more for children to do and more children able to compete. Please make your plans now to attend and compete February 24, 25, 26, 2016 in Lafayette, LA at the Cajun Dome.

I'm so proud to announce that some Louisiana people did attend the National Convention in TN and the following placed:

National Officer: Peyton Pipher - Reporter

Black & White Photography

4th Place: Sarah Medwick (LeBlanc Middle)
5th Place: Halle Fulton (Iota Middle School)

Color Photography

1st Place: Ahni Mire (J. H. Williams Middle)

Digitally Enhanced Photograph

2nd Place: Morgan Boone (Iota Middle)

Language Arts Division I

4th Place: Darren Metoyer (T. S. Cooley Magnet)
5th Place: Paige LeCompte (Mulberry Elementary)

Poetry

5th Place: Megan Chiasson (Lockport Middle)

Quilting

1st Place: Reagan Cambre (Lake Elementary)
5th Place: Kristen Ledford (SLU Lab School)

Science Division I

3rd Place: Isaac LeCompte (Mulberry Elementary School)

Science Division II

5th Place: Tyler Hight (Winnfield Middle School)

Sculpture

3rd Place: Katherine Nevils (Winnfield Middle School)

Sketching (Pen, Pencil or Ink)

3rd Place: Eden Landry (St. Theresa of Avila School)

Songfest

3rd Place: Erath Middle School - LA

Speech

3rd Place: Catherine Romaine (Mount Carmel Elementary School - LA)

Spelling Division I

1st Place: Aiden Manuel (T. S. Cooley Magnet School - LA)

T-Shirt

2nd Place: French Settlement High School

Technology

3rd Place: Annunciation Catholic School

Tower of Power

4th Place: Brame Junior High School

Watercolors

3rd Place: Edward Teal (Winnfield Middle School)

Woodworking

4th Place: Scott Price (Berwick Junior High School)

Wreath

4th Place: McKala Meziere (St. John Berchmans Cathedral School)

Campaign Skit

5th Place: Erath Middle School

Congratulations to all of the Louisiana Betas and Sponsors who took the time to attend, compete and reap rewards of a national level competition. There are many, many exhibition competitions that were enjoyed by all the states who participated. Please bring your kids and compete in the many offerings. It changes the lives of our youth.

Thank you all for all that you do. Remember if we raise our hands high and then we say raise them a little higher we always seem to be able to do so. With that said, let's raise our dedication to our students through Beta and then raise it a little more.

I can't wait to see you all at District Days and during our State Convention, February 24, 25, 26, 2016.

Trudy Bates – your friend in Beta

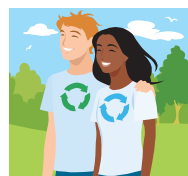


Thank you ahead of time for considering a large fundraiser to support our Louisiana Beta Philanthropy. This year the State Officers chose Camp Challenge, an organization affiliated with the Lion's Club. The mission of this organization is to enrich the lives of young hematology/oncology patients, their siblings, and survivors by creating a week-long camping experience at no cost. It is a time that these patients don't get treated like "patients" and enjoy life. Relationships are formed and gives the entire family life-time support, love and memories. Make sure you read the Philanthropy Addendum Page in the Louisiana Handbook to get credit for your donation.



We're in this Together

Sponsors, please check out the State Handbook as early as October 1, 2015. It has a fairly new format. REMEMBER to check the addendums or the side notes on each Contest page for Louisiana rules or restrictions such as ARTS and CRAFTS!



CONVENTION DRESS CODE

All days of convention **EVERYONE, members and adults** must wear appropriate long pants or cotton, knee length Capri style pants. **NO SHORTS! NO FLIP FLOPS! NO SPANDEX!**

Every member and sponsor and adult attending must wear a Beta Club Shirt or a School Spirit Shirt the Thursday and Friday of Convention. Thursday is the day to wear the Beta Campaign shirts of running an officer! Friday will be the designated day to wear the Convention T-shirt. Casual, school appropriate shirts are allowed Wednesday night.



Start now discussing ALL EXPECTATIONS FOR CONVENTION with MEMBERS AND ADULTS planning to attend. Sponsors we need you to take control and help us make this year's convention AWESOME! Suggestion: if you are a Sponsor who says, "It is the parents I can't control", then leave those parents home!



Meet your state officers

President - Kelbi LaShare of Erath Middle. I am very involved in cheer, basketball, 4-H, musicals and Beta. I am honored to lead the largest youth delegation in the US. See you all in February! I proudly ran for national office and made some wonderful friends.

Vice President - Faith Brown of Herndon Magnet School. Cheer, soccer and Beta keep me busy and focused and I'm looking forward to all my duties and new friends. My circle of friends grew tremendously through my national convention experience.

Secretary - Samuel Buhler of R. K. Smith. This experience makes me feel like a proud businessman. I enjoy football and fishing but I am most comfortable serving as the Louisiana Junior Beta Secretary. It was an honor to run for the national office of Secretary.

Reporter - Peyton Phifer of Belle Chase Middle. The experience of running and

winning the national office of Reporter is one I will never forget. The people I met and the level of speeches heard were unforgettable. I love Beta and Louisiana.

Chaplain - Spencer Stelly of Holy Savior Menard. Soccer, running cross-country and going to church excite me. However serving the Louisiana Junior Beta Club has given me pride and joy already. I enjoyed every part of running for national office and made some awesome friends.



Sponsors go online and nominate one of your incredible student's for the John H. Harris Leadership Award. We all have a worthy member.